

SENATE BILL 2010

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5;
Title 6; Title 7; Title 8 and Title 65, relative to
conflicts of interest.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65, is amended by adding the following language as a new chapter:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Elected official" means a person holding any state or local public office filled by the voters;

(2) "Immediate family member" means a spouse, child, stepchild, sibling, stepsibling, parent, stepparent, grandparent, grandchild, and adoptive relationships; and

(3) "Utility" means any person, municipality, county, metropolitan government, electric cooperative, telephone cooperative, board, commission, district or any entity created or authorized by public act, private act, or general law to provide electricity, natural gas, water, waste water services, telephone services, or any combination thereof, for sale to consumers in any particular service area.

(b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, and in addition to any other qualification to become a member or commissioner of a utility board, a member or commissioner of a utility board shall not:

(1) Be an employee of the utility;

(2) Be an elected official; or

(3) Have an immediate family member who is an employee of the utility.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to appointments made to utility boards on or after the effective date of this act.